# Kopachuck and Jarrell Cove Area Classification and Management Planning (CAMP) Project



# Scope of Work

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#### Kopachuck Area

Kopachuck Penrose Point Joemma Beach Haley Property

#### Jarrell Cove Area

Jarrell Cove Stretch Island McMicken Island Harstine Island Hope Island Eagle Island





### **Project Summary**

In an effort to complete land-use plans for all 121 developed parks in Washington's state park system, this planning process will address future development and management issues facing parks and undeveloped properties in the Kopachuck and Jarrell Cove management areas. Of critical importance is determining whether Kopachuck, Joemma Beach, and Jarrell Cove State Parks are, or can become consistent with the State Parks and Recreation Commission's vision for parks in the system.

#### Deliverables for this project include:

- Public involvement program consisting of several public workshops at three distinct stages, webpage postings, and e-mail/mail-in public comments
- Facilities concept plans for Kopachuck, Penrose Point, Joemma Beach, and the Jarrell Cove marine park system
- Land Classifications and Long-Term Park Boundaries for all parks and properties in the Kopachuck and Jarrell Cove management areas
- Determine consistency of Kopachuck, Joemma Beach, Jarrell Cove State Parks with the Commission's Centennial Vision and re-evaluate Stretch Point with the Commission's Vision in light of updated information.
- Commission agenda item, requesting adoption of staff recommended facilities concept plans, land classifications, long-term boundaries, and vision consistency
- Park area management plan, including management objectives and recommendations that address identified management issues for all parks in the Kopachuck and Jarrell Cove management areas
- Design guidelines unifying the appearance of facilities and amenities throughout the two park areas and reinforcing their use as a system of recreational experiences

Project staff anticipates Commission adoption of facility concept plans, land classifications, and long-term park boundaries at its scheduled May 6, 2009 meeting in Aberdeen. If necessary, an interim progress report to the Commission may be presented at its March 11, 2009 meeting in Tacoma.

## **Project Plan Approval**

Mischa Cowles, Jarrell Cove Area Manager	Tom Pew, Kopachuck Area Manager		
Steve Brand, SW Region Operation Manager	Terri Heikkila, SW Parks Development Manage		
Bill Koss, Planning Program Manager	Don Hoch, SW Region Director		

### **Project Scope**

Developing and agreeing to a clear scope of work is vital to set clear and achievable expectations, assure participation by planning team members, keep the planning effort on track, and ultimately to evaluate its success. The sections that follow demonstrate the need for this project, outline objectives, list expected deliverables, identify the staff planning team, and set an anticipated schedule for completion.

#### **Project Need**

#### <u>Centennial Plan Goal – Land Use Planning</u>

The Centennial 2013 Plan includes a stewardship performance goal to complete land-use plans for all 121 developed state parks. This project will make significant progress towards this goal, completing plans for four officially designated parks: Jarrell Cove, Joemma Beach, Kopachuck, and Penrose Point. A land use plan for Hope Island in the Jarrell Cove management area was completed in 1996. This was the second land use plan completed under the Classification and Management Planning (CAMP) project. The current planning effort provides an opportunity to revisit this early plan, make needed corrections, and otherwise update its management provisions.

#### <u>Agency Budget Reductions and Proposed Park Transfers</u>

In 2004, the State Parks and Recreation Commission adopted a vision for what the state park system should become by the agency's centennial in 2013:

In 2013, Washington's state parks will be premier destinations of uncommon quality, including state and regionally significant natural, cultural, historical and recreational resources that are outstanding for the experience, health, enjoyment, and learning of all people.

A system-wide analysis beginning in 2004, set out to determine which parks were consistent with the vision, as well as those that were not. Parks were evaluated using nine criteria: significance, popularity, experiences, uniqueness, flora and fauna, scenery, size, condition, and revenue.

Through the evaluation process, the Commission identified several parks that were neither clearly consistent nor inconsistent. These parks, designated "potentially consistent" were to undergo further planning (e.g., CAMP) to determine how they might become unambiguously consistent with the 2013 Vision. Kopachuck, Joemma Beach, and Jarrell Cove State Parks are among the parks considered potentially consistent. Through this process, the Commission also found Stretch Point and Squaxin Island State Parks, two marine parks in the Jarrell Cove management area "not consistent" with its Centennial Vision.

In late 2008, as the global economic crisis intensified and amid projections for an unprecedented state budget shortfall, State Parks was required to propose drastic budget reductions. Among several cost-saving measures, one proposal included permanently transferring thirteen parks to local governments. With no other system-wide evaluation of parks, agency leadership selected Kopachuck and Joemma Beach and other staffed parks from those deemed "potentially consistent" to transfer out of the system and achieve the necessary savings – about \$3.5 million. Jarrell Cove was not considered for transfer to its role as the base of operations for several marine parks previously found consistent with the Centennial vision.

In May 2009, the Governor signed the state's two-year operating budget that reduced the severity of cuts to State Parks – mainly through changes to the agency's donation program. Legislation passed that includes an automatic \$5 donation to support State Parks in vehicle license renewal fees, unless the

owner chooses to "opt out". The budget also stipulated that the agency not close any parks, unless proceeds from the donation program are less than anticipated. Budget language further stipulated that the agency continue to pursue transfer of parks not consistent with the agency vision (including those potentially consistent) to willing local governments.

Although the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District and Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District initially showed interest in accepting transfer of Kopachuck and Joemma Beach, it ultimately expressed a strong preference that these parks remain under State Parks ownership and operation. Without a willing local government recipient, the two parks remain in State Parks ownership, but still bare the potentially consistent label.

Completing CAMP for Kopachuck and Joemma Beach will provide a thorough evaluation of their long-term potential as envisioned in 2004. A final Commission determination of consistency or inconsistency will give the public a clear indication of their future.

#### Vessel Fuel Tax Funds to State Parks Operating Budget

The enacted 2009-11 state budget transferred about \$10 million of boat fuel taxes from boating facility grants to State Parks' operating budget. Demonstrating a commitment to the boating community is critical to maintaining their support for the State Park system. Completing CAMP for the Jarrell Cove marine area is an excellent way of building a stronger working relationship with this important constituency.

State Parks owns twelve properties fronting south Puget Sound (Appendix 1). Through early scoping activities and site visits, planning team members confirmed that boaters (kayakers, sail, and power boaters) often use these parks as a system. This is of course the case for kayakers using the Cascadia Marine Trail system, but also extends to larger powerboats and sailboats. A typical trip for trailered boats includes launching at Joemma Beach, motoring between parks, and spending nights tied to park buoys, floats, or camping on shore. Completing CAMP for all south Puget Sound parks allows us to evaluate this system, find gaps in service, and craft ways to unify and otherwise enhance the boating experience.

#### **Project Objectives**

Work of the project planning team should:

- Provide opportunities for park patrons, the public, and stakeholders to engage in participationbased, long-range planning for parks and properties in the Kopachuck and Jarrell Cove management areas.
- Evaluate natural, cultural, recreational opportunities, and potential property acquisition/disposal necessary to prepare land classification and long-term boundary recommendations for parks and properties in the Kopachuck and Jarrell Cove management areas.
- Examine park camping facilities, their use, achieving efficiencies, and opportunities for additional overnight accommodations.
- Explore potential recreational, interpretive, and educational programming and facility improvements for Kopachuck, Penrose Point, Joemma Beach, and the Jarrell Cove marine system.
- Evaluate the consistency of Kopachuck, Joemma Beach, and Jarrell Cove State Parks with the Commission's Centennial 2013 Vision (re-evaluate Stretch Point consistency).

- Identify near-term capital development projects (2011-13 biennium) and coordinate with capital projects currently underway.
- Evaluate existing park architecture and landscape design and develop unifying design guidelines for parks in both management areas.

#### **Deliverables**

The planning team will achieve the project objectives listed above by completing the following deliverables:

- 1. *Public involvement program* consisting of several public workshops at three distinct stages, webpage postings, and e-mail/mail-in public comments
- 2. Recommended *Facilities concept plans* for Kopachuck, Penrose Point, Joemma Beach, and the Jarrell Cove marine park system (includes analysis and recommendations on improvements to overnight accommodations as well as their management)
- 3. Recommended *Land Classifications and Long-Term Park Boundaries* for all parks and properties in the Kopachuck and Jarrell Cove management areas (Kopachuck, Penrose Point, Joemma Beach, Haley, Jarrell Cove, Stretch Point, McMicken Is, Harstine Is, Hope Is (revision), and Eagle Is)
- 4. Analysis of recommendations on consistency of Kopachuck, Joemma Beach, Jarrell Cove, Stretch Point, and Squaxin Island State Parks with the Commission's Centennial Vision
- 5. Draft *Commission agenda item,* requesting adoption of staff recommended facilities concept plans, land classifications, long-term boundaries, and consistency of parks with the Centennial Vision
- 6. Draft *Park area management plan,* including management objectives and recommendations that address identified management issues for all parks in the Kopachuck and Jarrell Cove management areas
- 7. *Design guidelines* to unify the appearance of facilities and amenities throughout the two park areas and reinforce their use as a system of recreational experiences

#### **Project Planning Team**

Kopachuck Area	
*Tom Pew, Kopachuck Area Manager	*Janet Shonk, Penrose State Park
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#### **Partners and Stakeholders**

The CAMP process provides great opportunities to work with existing stakeholders and partners, as well as generate new partnerships to enhance the Kopachuck and Jarrell Cove management areas. Following is a list of known stakeholders and partners and their anticipated needs from this process:

*Preserve Our Parks (POP)* – providing input into the planning process, particularly facility and program improvements for Kopachuck and Joemma Beach State Parks, and establishing consistency of these parks with the Centennial Vision

Harbor WildWatch – providing input on intertidal-related educational programming

Recreational Boating Association of Washington and Washington Boating Alliance – providing planning input for improving boating facilities, information/interpretation, and identifying additional boat launches and destinations in south Puget Sound

Washington Water Trails Association – providing planning input for improving kayaking facilities and identifying additional water trail sites in south Puget Sound

Kopachuck Middle School – providing planning input for environmental education-related programs

#### **Native American Tribes**

Kopachuck Penrose Point

Squaxin Island Tribe
 Squaxin Indian Tribe

Puyallup Tribe
 Suquamish Tribe

Nisqually Tribe
 Puyallup Tribe

Joemma Beach Jarrell Cove Marine Area

Squaxin Indian Tribe
 Squaxin Indian Tribe

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- Gig Harbor Mayor and City Council
- Mason and Pierce County Planning Department
- Mason and Pierce County Parks and Recreation Department
- State Recreation and Conservation Office

## **Preliminary Project Schedule and Target Deadlines**

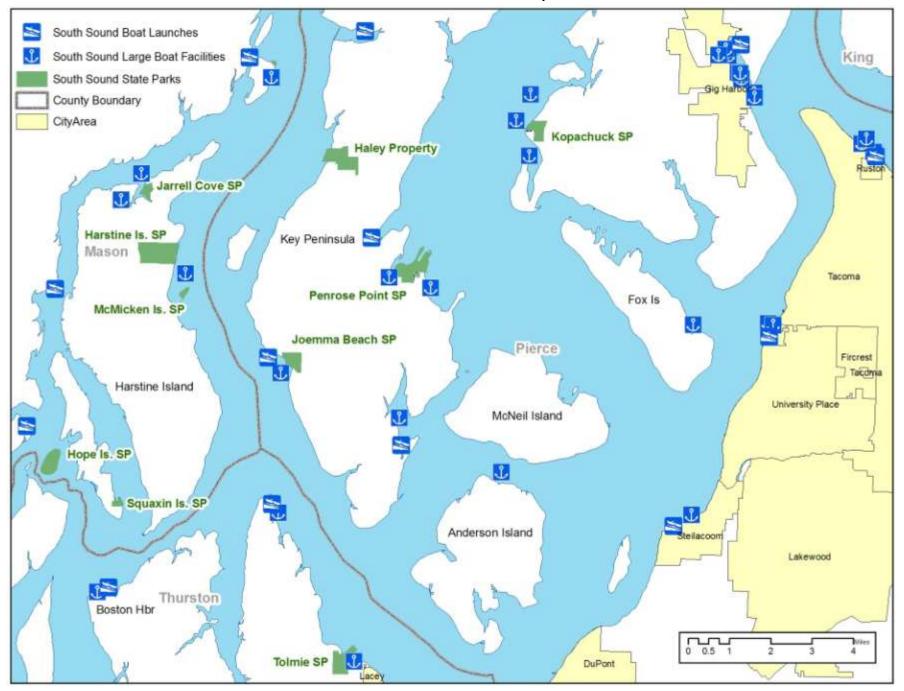
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Information Gathering & Project Preparation	
Information gathering	
Develop initial mail/e-mail distribution list	
Set-up project webpage/e-mail alias	
Compile resource inventories/GIS base maps	
*Planning team kickoff meeting	August 4 & 16, 2009
Site tours	August 12, 2009
Mail workshop invitations	September 7, 2009
**Issues identification public workshop	September 21-30, 2009
Alternatives Stage	
Conduct stakeholder/tribal consultation (as requested)	
Prepare for alternatives planning team review (Charrette #1)	
*Alternatives meeting w/team (Charrette #1)	4-hr meeting week of Oct 19
Prepare SEPA Environmental Implications Document	
Prepare alternatives workshop materials	
**Alternatives public workshops	November 10-12, 2009
* Planning team post-workshop debrief	·
Preliminary Recommendations Stage	
Prepare preliminary recommendations for team Charrette #2	
*Preliminary recommendations team meeting (Charrette #2)	4-hr meeting week of Jan 4
Prepare preliminary draft management plan for internal review	<u> </u>
Prepare SEPA Checklist and Threshold Determination	
Conduct internal and stakeholder site tours & reviews	
Prepare preliminary recommendations workshop materials	
**Preliminary recommendations public workshops	January 19-21, 2010
*Planning team post-workshop debrief	
Commission Report (Preliminary Recommedations)	
Prepare and Submit Agenda Item Checklist	
Attend agenda item scoping meeting with Director	
Submit draft agenda item to Env Pgm, AAG, and Budget Director	January 15, 2010
Submit Draft Agenda Item to Service Center Manager	
Prepare Commission meeting presentation/comment letters	
Present Commission agenda item @ Tacoma meeting	March 11, 2010
Commission Action (Proposed Staff Recommendations)	·
Prepare and Submit Agenda Item Checklist	
Attend agenda item scoping meeting with Director	
Submit draft agenda item to Env Pgm, AAG, and Budget Director	March 5, 2010
Submit Draft Agenda Item to Service Center Manager	
Prepare Commission meeting presentation/comment letters	
Present Commission agenda item @ Aberdeen meeting	May 6, 2010
Review and finalize management plan	
Submit final management plan for Deputy Director approval	May 31, 2010

<sup>\*</sup>Core Planning Team attendance required \*\*Park staff attendance required for thier park only

#### Staff-Public Identified Issues

Staff and the public have identified numerous issues facing parks in the Kopachuck and Jarrell Cove management areas. In January 2009, after State Parks' proposal to transfer Kopachuck and Joemma Beach, agency staff participated in a public meeting to provide information and receive input on important park features to protect. Written comments received for these parks are included in Appendix 2. Staff of Penrose Point, the Jarrell Cove management area, and Joemma Beach also identified issues facing their parks in preparation for this project. Staff-identified issues for these parks are included in Appendix 3, 4, and 5 respectively.

APPENDIX 1
South Sound State Parks and Properties



### Kopachuck and Joemma Beach State Parks Park Transfer Public Meeting Comments January 29, 2009, Kopachuck Middle School

State Parks staff received the following input from the public in response the question: What are the key natural and cultural resource values and public recreation functions comments provided by Kopachuck and Joemma Beach State Parks? This input will help the agency develop conditions for transfer of the park to a local government or non-profit conservation partner if budget reductions continue to require it.

#### **Natural Resource Values**

- The only west (sunset) facing waterfront park in the area.
- Trillium not seen often in area. Natural saltwater access and environment study area within walking distance of (2) schools!
- How can the public get access to the beach if there are no public beaches? The rich people should not be the only ones able to enjoy our beautiful Puget Sound!
- Kopachuck State Park is extremely important to community for leisure and education. Many school kids learn environment and natural life around their home. Please save Kopachuck. Thank you.
- Want to be sure the park remains naturally as it is NO BALL FIELDS and such.
- Natural Beauty needs to be preserved. We have deer, raccoons, fox, coyotes, pheasants, etc., we need to keep them.
- Keep Kopachuck as a State Park. These are State issues and resources. Educational Resource, Shellfish study, S. Puget Sound Protection, Water Quality.
- Natural resources: grand fir @ lower elevation, moon snails demonstrating healthy beaches, well maintained trails, Cultural Resources; Dead Man's Island, Other: Fully commissioned law enforcement closure is short sighted.
- Kopachuck State Park is a recreational resource and provides habitat. It also contributes to the
  ecological self cleaning system. Our young need to opportunity to experience the saltwater
  environment and not everyone can own waterfront property.
- Isn't closing State Parks with beaches incongruent with the Action Plan of the Puget Sound Partnership?
- Excellent bird waiting, 150 200 year old 2<sup>nd</sup> fir with minn out of w red cedar, hemlock & maple. Very high sight growing condition for tree shrubs forbs, ferns and herb.
- My children have been educated about our Kopachuck State Park thru Ranger Pew. It is not
  only a beautiful part of our community, it is a vital park of our children's education about our
  environment.
- Prothes build eagle nests.
- Protect Forest (trees & wildlife)

- Wildlife habitat, safe trails, abundant native vegetation, beach access for walking, Ok w/ day use fees to keep park open year round.
- Without the state park rangers patrolling Kopachuck Beach the invertebrate species taken as food resources will be decimated. As spending 37 days on the beaches of Kopacuch & Joemma last year this was a tremendous problem. With the state of the economy deteriorating this problem will increase exponentially! Plus the parks/beaches especially Kopachuck meet the centennial plan in every respect. And with so much beach front in the hands of private landowners, these parks allow easy access to the masses.
- Unique & district biomes with 109 acres are wonderful for comparative biology & education.

#### **Cultural Resource Values**

- Part of Cascadia Marine Trail System Historical use by Puyallup, Nisqually for clamming and fishing. Within walking distance for school kids as a study area. Deadman's Island a unique island with unique history.
- The Kopachuck park's location close to schools, community, etc... opens it up to educational
  opportunities for our children and the public. Public access to a serene setting on the water.
  Provides physical activities for families to enjoy. I want the opportunity for my children, and
  someday, my grandchildren to enjoy.
- Kopachuck Stat Park is an educational area for students of Voyager Elementary School. The children have always enjoyed field trips there!! They are able to experience marine life first hand!!
- Kopachuck is a vital access point to the beach and is unique with two public schools across the street. Educational importance!
- It's a really fun place to be and my class goes down there a lot. (4<sup>th</sup> grade).
- Kopachuck Park area is a prime location for homeowners, great schools, the park, stable incomes. By closing Kopachuck Park we only invite drug activity, crime, homeless, etc.
- My children love to camp here at Kopachuck, we also love to come here in the summer as a family to send the day. Low tide.

#### **Recreational Values**

- Trails, trees & beach boat buoys.
- Walking trails, nature trails
- Beach walks (access to beach)
- Kopachuck, best saltwater swimming beach on Puget Sound.
- There is only one state park in Gig Harbor! It's the only place you can go for a beach walk/swimming in the summer. Why close the only one we have?
- Keep trails open. Need access to shore beaches w/ restroom facilities. Great camp facilities for revenue. Community volunteers to help w/ maintenance.
- No sports fields.

- The forest and trails at Kopachuck Park are unique and a major attraction/asset to this area. I know literally 100s of people who make Kopachuck a destination for exercise and recreation.
- We want to see the mooring buoys maintained.
- The pristine forest. Shellfish. Proximity to Cutt's Island. Swimming and Boating. Cub Scout & Boy Scout service projects, and camping. Trails, Trees, wildlife, location.
- Keep beach access for public
- Kopachuck is the only area for my children to swim safely in the Gig Harbor area (outdoors). This is our favorite beachcombing area and the reason why we moved to this area..
- If Kopachuck and Tolmie are closed, that leaves us w/no salt water beaches on the mid south sound between Dash Point and Olympia (Manchester & Penrose). Are not easily accessible to people in the Tacoma Area.
- Saltwater access. Cascadia Marine Trail component! Trails. Gig Harbor trying to expand open areas!
- For those of us in Gig harbor who don't live in waterfront homes, or have boats to weekend in, we need a place to access the beach. Where else is there public access to our public treasures? My kids have become stewards of our environment as a result of the Harbor Watch programs they attended.
- Adding easier access for kayak's and other paddling activities would be great. I'm sure that
  people would be willing to pay for annual passes if a day use fee is undesirable. We need to
  keep this park open for our children and for the schools which boarder Kopachuck...we need
  recreation not crime in our community. Thank you for your consideration.
- State park entrance fees, parks pass increase camp site fees. Valuable resources, views, park space in populated area, variety of beautiful beach & forest trails. Ample parking, always clean.
- I like to go to the beach and explore.
- My family has been hit by the hard economic times. One of our greatest coping efforts was to use our local Kopachuck Park as a "staycation". We'd set the tent up, go hiking, the kids would swim, it was a fantastic experience. As times get tougher, I'm sure other families would come up w/same idea.
- Things Kopachuck should provide. Shellfish harvesting, hiking trails, beach access, kayak trails, camping, picnicking, ecology education, ranger involvement in the community, forested land, scenic view of Cutts Island, on-site ranger provides measure of safety for walkers, snorkeling!
   (yes one of our neighbors sons actually snorkels at Kopachuck.)
- Kopachuck State Park is the only park in the area with beach front access, privacy, and trails
  open to the public (water access too). During these difficult economic times public parks and
  recreation are the few affordable ways individuals and families can enjoy tranquility, a sense of
  community, a closeness with nature, and simple happiness. These parks are vital to the
  community, please keep Kopachuck open.
- Access to beach, opportunity to view our area in it's natural state. Rare are of large trees.
- What I love about Kopachuck, walking trails, beautiful sunsets, sea life harvesting, local education for children, beautiful, clean air production.

- This park is a rare waterfront park that would be a jewel in any other state. Keep it in it's natural state with trails and beach. Have use fee's to fund.
- Leave in natural state, trees, trails & Cutts Island, camping, beach access, day use, parking, educational programs, future generations.
- Waterfront close to home. Low tide, ocean life, tide pools. Pristine campsites, clean restrooms, local jobs & volunteer opportunities.
- In these critically hard times in a depressed economy families still need to find a way to get out & enjoy time together. Camping is about the most fun families can have on a limited budget.
   So... how do we go about preserving this beautiful stat park and maintain the long time tradition of family camping.

#### **Other Comments**

- If park is closed, what will be eventual cost of reopening, rehabilitation? Will it cost us more in the long run? Of note the current ranger is doing a great job of maintaining, improving trails.
- Is it possible to transfer the management to: 1. Private for profit on temporary basis. 2. Non profit to generate enough to pay maintenance cost?
- Voyager Elementary, Kopachuck Middle School are right across the street. If unmanned, who will protect the children from inevitable crime.
- As a teacher who works less than a 100 feet away from the enhance I am very concerned about a closed park. Our staff is also dealing with budget cuts and it is our fear that we will be given the responsibility of watching the woods that surround our school because of the lack of supervision.
- I want the park to stay in the state system. If it was to transfer, it should be maintained "unchanged" as it is today. And when the state budget allows it should be picked up by the state again.
- I think it would be good PR for the commission to meet in Gig Harbor and stop by Kopachuck on the way, despite the extra travel expense.
- The governors office isn't saying cut your budget \$10 m they're saying take \$10m fewer dollars from the general fund. We need to find a way to come up with \$10 m from outside of the general fund.
- Financing 1 How many salaries have been cut at Park HQ/or jobs eliminated? 2. How about reinstating park admission / or day use fees? 3. How about raising camping fees a dollar or two each night?
- Is closed beach access will quickly be blocked by large drift wood logs. There is a sign at a fire a boat 6 to 10 yr ago that if not detected quick would have caused a major fire.
- We are very concerned about vandalism & vagrants taking over the park if it is closed. The rangers house would make a perfect meth lab!
- Leave the park the way it is.

- Kopachuck and Joemma is <u>beach</u> property, very rare. Penmet is not the agency to run these parks. Koopachuck is across from 2 schools. Rec valves, cultural, all sorts. The need to be preserved and kept safe.
- A SAFE place for adults and children, keep campsites, keep Ranger Smith, cooperate with local schools, maintain trails and picnic areas.
- Don't change the land, keep it as a beautiful park! No development, no ball fields, mother nature provide us with this beautiful land, lets keep it as is, or improve but not destroy.
- If Kopachuck Park is a park of statewide value the people of the state must step up. I am dead against Penmet as a small taxing district funding it!
- It is <u>imperative</u> that there is not vacant land across the road from Voyager Elementary and Kopachuck Middle School! We need to keep our children <u>safe</u>!
- Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts help keep the park open by doing service projects and maintenance work.
- Beach access, abilities to teach, learning potential. Comments 1-9 criteria 7 no 3 yes. Park is poorly management, in need of major repairs & renovation, campsites need utilities to increase, beach access is a must, camp host site set poor 1<sup>st</sup> impression, sites to small.
- Outstanding resource, shoreline is most valuable there won't be anymore, ever. Most people
  don't have even a view much less their own access. View of Olympics. Cutts Island, Historical
  education, Kopachuck Middle and Elementary schools within walking distance. Flora, Fauna,
  marine life. Park is in developing higher density areas accessible to the metropolitan area. State
  must not give away most valuable resource.
- Has anyone done a line item evaluation of the Kopachuck budget to see that its large budgetary
  amount supplies six other parks in many different budgetary ways. Is this a knee-jerk reaction
  to cutting out large funding.
- Generate income for operational costs, usage fees, concessions. Kopachuck offers a green belt, family recreational opportunities and educational aspects to a broad range of residents close by and those coming a distance.
- As a non-profit marine /environmental science organization, Harbor Wild Watch, we feel closing Kopachuck & Joemma will be a huge disservice to educating the public and our school children on the ecosystem as a whole and how to address the Governor's "State of the Sound" proposed clean-. Last year we alone educated over 3,000 stakeholders and over 1,600 school children about this fragile environment. Not only closing these parks will destroy the ethos of "No Child Left Inside" but flies in the face of providing free marine/environmental education needed to show how to be good stewards of the sound.
- Even if not on Centennial vision re Spokane people it is for us. We aren't aware of park resources in Spokane either. It's (Kop & Joemma) and Saltwater Parks, inland, Pug, summer don't have this as well as other Puget Sound region. 2. Keep open w/ public volunteer maint help. 3. 3Cs sort've with teenage help too, give them a sense of community & responsibility. 4. Priceless for nature walks, relax, school and summer picnics, place for children to explore. 5. Joemma is a beautiful family park, more people would've come with longer notice. 6. Once gone will never get one back or locate a location. Park is an experience for inlanders and if promoted, people from other states would come. 7. If Cent 13 Commission is thinking of

destinations that are large, like Yellowstone, then I don't think they understand the value to other Washingtonians is it profitability, notability the State wants? I'll invite other comments, DO NOT WANT TO LOSE ANY PARKS especially as unique as 6# Key Pen Parks.

- Can Penmet effectively <u>POLICE</u> this park? Are they law enforcement officers.
- More services need to be available, all schools should be involved, why did the state hire 14 new rangers 6 months before 10 million cut? Scare tactics, unprepared with appropriate pertinent info.

# Penrose Point State Park Staff-Identified Management Issues August 2009

#### **Public Outreach**

- Continue partnering with Harbor Wild Watch and develop a partnership with KGI Watershed Council
- Continue to develop relationship with Key Pen Parks Dept.
- Continue working with local scouts, sea scouts, Key Pen Lions Club, local YMCA camps, local churches for volunteer projects and public events in park
- Continue to make contact with local schools and provide classroom interpretive programs
- Write a monthly column about parks issues/events in the local paper
- Continue to provide interpretive and Jr. Ranger programs throughout the year
- Continue pursuing internship partners
- Continue participating in local fair and participate in local parade

#### **Development/Upgrades**

- Sewer system upgrades, design completed—waiting for construction \$
- Replace boat pumpout configuration
- Remove creosote bulkhead and associated riprap, add stairs to beach—SPSSEG grant
- Replace unstable and creosote pier
- Construct an amphitheater
- Add a one-toilet restroom (flushing) at dock area
- Remodel or replace day-use restroom, add outdoor shower
- Add hook-ups to 1<sup>st</sup> camp loop and renovate small RR for showers and ADA access
- Renovate Group Camp—flushing toilet, electricity/hookups, delineate sites better, pave loop road
- Build a real welcome station on park entrance road for campers and visitors to check-in
- Replace existing dock lot picnic shelter with larger (enclosed) with comfort station at one end and ADA
- Install 3 deluxe (with toilets & water) cabins along bluff area
- Upgrade tile and upper RRs to be ADA compliant
- Reconfigure day-use parking to capture storm water run-off, delineate parking, provide shade, and decrease maintenance of gravel area
- Re-pave campground roads

#### **Revenue Generation**

- Continue selling firewood and icon items if PIA program continues—use old contact station for a real park store when a new welcome station is built
- Increase moorage fees (agency)
- Install cabins
- Develop 21 hook-up sites
- Charge for interpretive programs/classes?

#### **Stewardship**

- Continue working on shellfish enforcement/education emphasis during seasons
- Creosote bulkhead and pier piling removal
- Continue communicating with F&W and tribes on harvest impacts and reseeding
- Develop a noxious weed removal plan focus on English ivy and Herb Robert
- Continue annual monitoring and evaluation of hazard trees
- Develop a revegetation plan for "worn-out" campsites
- Develop more self-guided interpretive opportunities in park—bulletin board displays, trails
- Continue to provide interpretive and Jr. Ranger programs throughout the year

#### **Property Acquisitions/boundary assessment**

- Have park boundaries surveyed and marked
- Purchase adjacent lots for park buffer

#### **Equipment Replacement/Additions**

- Replace LE truck
- Replace PA/maintenance truck
- Purchase small tractor for continuous use at Penrose
- Purchase gator or electric cart for hosts

#### Personnel

- Add a year-round Sr. PA position
- Add a Ranger position to improve park coverage at Penrose, Joemma Beach, and Kopachuck

# Jarrell Cove State Park Area Staff-Identified Management Issues August 2009

#### **Jarrell Cove Area-Wide Issues**

#### **Public Outreach**

- Survey our users to better understand what visitors want to see at each park
- Continue to develop our relationship w/ the Harstine Island Community Club
- Continue to make contact with local school groups
- Continue to work with volunteer groups: scouts, NW boating council, kayakers, master gardeners, South Sound Fruit growers
- Continue work with Squaxin Tribe to establish a use plan for Squaxin Island State Park and
- Continue implementing interpretive programs at park (jr. ranger, beach/trail walks, boating safety, etc)
- Initiate Centennial Project- "People of the Water" Interpretation for the Area
- Meet with yacht clubs
- Work with Squaxin Tribe to establish a future plan for Squaxin Island State Park
- Increase Partnerships and cooperative agreements

#### Development/Maintenance

- Complete the loop road in campground at Jarrell Cove, with the possibility of adding up to 5 campsites and adding utilities to some sites
- Construct a 2<sup>nd</sup> ranger residence at Jarrell or Harstine Island State Parks
- Have potable water available for campers and caretaker at Hope Island (well, or reservoir system)
- Construct a float/dock system at Hope Island for park staff use
- Increase and replace long dock floats
- Remove all creosote
- Install two to three rental cabins at Jarrell Cove or Harstine Island
- Re-establish meadow at McMicken Island
- Build picnic shelter at McMicken
- Establish a Water Trail Site at Harstine Island state park or McMicken Island
- Repair windmill base at Hope Island
- Develop more trails at Harstine Island State park
- Install kayak launch site at Jarrell Cove
- Increase buoys at McMicken

#### Revenue Generation

- Continue to sell firewood in the campground
- Jarrell Cove long term buoy rental for winter storage of boats
- Power to docks
- Develop Harstine Island State park for specific user groups
- Evaluate possibility of a Kayak rental concession

#### Stewardship

- Seed clam beds at McMicken Island
- Stretch Island lagoon...clams, salmon
- Remove all creosote
- Hope Island cove contamination
- Hope Island Noxious weeds management plan
- Forest Health Plan
- Historic Orchards
- Tell the story of South Sound Island history, Squaxin, explorers, homesteaders....
- Historic Buildings
- Historic Land use... shell midden, orchards, vineyards, farming, logging
- Boating experience in the South Sound

#### Property acquisitions

- Acquire any of the adjacent properties to Jarrell Cove State Park, for ranger housing, or park buffer
- Acquire Scott property between McMicken Island and Harstine Island State parks to allow for continuous public access along beach between the two parks.

#### **Equipment Replacement/additions**

- Replace Munson boat
- Replace flail mower for tractor
- Replace 1-ton
- Tractor for Hope
- Mower for McMicken

#### Personnel

Add 1 more full time staff to the area

#### **Issues by Park**

#### Jarrell Cove

- Needs other revenue sources....
- Utility sites needed and wanted for moorage and camping
- Complete the loop road in campground at Jarrell Cove, with the possibility of adding up to 10 campsites and adding utilities to some sites
- Purchase property adjacent to Park
- Install two to three rental cabins at Jarrell Cove
- Install kayak launch site at Jarrell Cove
- Increase and replace long dock floats
- Remove all creosote
- Develop a plan for construction or purchase of a second residence for the Jarrell Cove Area.
- Interpretive panels depicting history of the area

#### Hope Island

- Staff- year around to cut down on vandalism and break- ins
- Need an agreement with the Squaxin tribe for buoy use during fishing season
- Noxious weeds—
- \$\$ interpretive signs need replacement
- Have potable water available for campers
- Construct a float/dock system at Hope Island for park staff use
- Repair windmill base at Hope Island
- Re-visit CAMP

#### McMicken Island

- Maintain a good relationship with the leaseholders—Carson/Riggs family
- Historic buildings plan-
- Plan for use of buildings when lease is discontinued
- Water Trail site for the park
- Picnic Shelter
- Re-establish clam population
- Re-establish meadow
- Increase buoys at McMicken
- Interpretive Plan

#### Harstine Island

- Capital -Facilities Plan—retreat center, cabins, education center
- Need to find a user group....horses, mnt. Biking, disc golfing, ???? Develop Harstine Island State park for specific user groups
- Build new trails

#### Stretch Island

- Lagoon Clams, salmon
- Weeds
- Property line survey

#### Eagle Island

BLM Lease?

#### Squaxin Island

• Would like to see a decision made as to what we are doing with the property.

#### **Scott Property**

- Impacts for this property acquisition? Will need gates and signs but of course would like staff.
- Long Term Plan
- Glaser Family, neighbors- Gain and maintain a working relationship.

# Joemma Beach State Park Staff-Identified Management Issues August 2009

#### **Public Outreach**

- Continue to make appearance at community events and trade shows, including the Community Livable Fair, and any local festivities, that may include the Key Peninsula Fair and Key Pen Summer Parade
- Continue to work with Harbor Wild Watch on summer beach programs
- Continue to make appearances in local schools ,in conjunction with Harbor Wild Watch, to educate children on Beach Etiquette
- Develop "A history of Joemma Beach" interpretive display
- Work with local groups to increase volunteer projects and events in park

#### **Development/Upgrades**

- Replace old creosote stairs in all sites with sustainable material
- Rebuild existing docks with new hangers and material to State Park standard
- Continue to evaluate a system for reducing wave action on floats
- Install new trail on north side of park entrance road
- Replace boat launch planks with solid a platform, to reduce propeller wash holes
- Install shower/ restroom facilities in day use
- Add lighting to dock entrance
- Run power to docks
- Pave host site and shop/office roadways
- Install trail on south perimeter of park
- Increase parking abilities

#### **Revenue Generation**

- Look at possibility of setting up day use picnic shelter as a wedding destination area
- Power to docks
- Install cabins on south bank
- Develop business plan to begin selling firewood seasonally
- Install launching float on beach for year-round and increased summer usage of boat launch
- Develop a dock system that can withstand the winter wave action, and keep the dock open year round

#### Stewardship

- Continue to keep the park "chemical free" by not using weed killers, fertilizers, or pesticides
- Develop an interpretive display to educate on the benefits of a "chemical free" park

- Continue to work on Evasive Weed Removal Plan, with hand removal of targeted species, and replacement with native species
- Continue to preserve historic fruit trees and species from when the park was a homestead
- Removal of creosote pier piling
- Continue to keep shoreline and bank in natural state for salmon enhancement, no bulkheads
- Continue to work with arbor crew and identifying hazard trees in the park
- Continue to monitor the beach and the impacts of neighboring geoduck farms

#### **Equipment Replacement/ Additions**

Purchase gator for camp hosts

#### **Personnel**

• Increase seasonal park aide position to 5 months